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Caltrans Honored by National Park Service in Ceremony Designating Tule Lake Segregation Center as National Historic Landmark

REDDING - The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) will be honored for its commitment to historic preservation by the National Park Service in a ceremony designating one of America's newest National Historic Landmarks, the Tule Lake Segregation Center. The ceremony will take place at the Ross Raglan Theater in Klamath Falls, Oregon on Monday, July 3, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. Caltrans District 2 Director, Brian Crane, will accept a plaque, on behalf of Caltrans, from the National Park Service.

Caltrans is one of two owners of this historic property, which includes seven historic structures that were used during the internment of Japanese Americans during World War II. The Tule Lake Jail, which is on the Caltrans property, is of particular significance because it was the only jail in all of the ten internment camps and was the place where individuals who resisted unjust incarceration were held. Caltrans has been successful in an effort to stabilize the historic structures that are on the property.

Others being honored at the ceremony are the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation, which is the other landowner, and the Tule Lake Preservation Committee, who spearheaded the effort to get the National Historic Landmark designation for the Tule Lake Segregation Center.

Although the Tule Lake Segregation Center is not currently open to the public, the Tule Lake-Butte Valley Museum of Local History has an interpretive exhibit about the center. For more information, please visit the museum's website at <http://www.cot.net/~tulefair/tbvmuseum/>

Motorists are reminded to drive carefully, especially in construction areas and to “Slow for the Cone Zone”.

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